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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 27, 2006 and the Examiner Interview conducted October 17, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments for entry and request reconsideration of the present application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.